

Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today more than \$250,000 in grant money for local fire departments in Iowa's first district. These Firefighter Grants are distributed through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management and the U.S. Fire Administration.

"I'm happy to announce these grant awards for small, volunteer fire departments in eastern Iowa," Braley said. "Volunteer firefighters in these departments have generously and bravely committed their time to keeping their communities safe. This money will provide them with safety gear and tools necessary to continue to do their jobs and protect families in Iowa."

The following First District volunteer fire departments will receive Firefighter Grants: ·

\$93,338 to purchase 11 new Self-Containing Breathing Apparatuses and replace a 30 year-old air compressor in Bellevue ·

\$45,033 for turnout gear, such as pants, coats, boots, helmets in Frederika ·

\$40,480 for new personal protective equipment and a thermal imaging camera in Welton ·

\$36,262 for a Breathing Air Compressor and fill station in Grand Mound ·

\$28,975 for operations and safety in Anamosa ·

\$15,675 for communications gear and firefighter training in Farmersburg